On February 21-23 Neil and Cathy Coward, Laurie, my dad, and I had the privilege of representing our Community at the CLF conference in Augusta Georgia. The meeting was hosted by our sister community Alleluia (<u>https://www.alleluiacommunity.org/</u>) the three days prior to the start of the North American Network (NAN https://www.nanccc.org/) conference.

The CLF conference is an opportunity for charismatic leaders from all denominations to dialog about Christian unity called for in Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-21: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

This was my fourth year to participate, and it is a blessing that it happens just prior to the NAN meeting to minimize travel and time away. The primary benefit to me is hearing teachings and testimonies on how the Holy Spirit is bringing Christians all over the world into Unity. The conference brings together national and international ecumenical charismatic leaders who highlight how God is at work in our time healing past divisions and restoring relationships.

It is a tremendous networking event that fosters relationships and partnerships. These conferences gather leaders from the European Network of Communities (ENC <u>http://e-n-c.org/</u>), Servants of Jesus (<u>https://servantsofjesus.org/</u>), Sword of the Spirit (SoS, <u>https://swordofthespirit.net/</u>), and many others.

One of the most significant aspects of attending the conference is the discussions that it prompts at our Community leadership meetings. Our discussions extend beyond the topic of what we can do here is Dallas to promote Christian Unity and include any other topics as the sharings and testimonies reveal how the Holy Spirit is at work in other worldwide charismatic communities.

My request is that each member of our Community pray daily for Christian unity. I also request that we pray for our Community Coordinators to hear the Holy Spirit, discern how we should respond, and that we will follow through. Since we are a Community of leaders and all capable, I request that you too, pray, discern, and respond to this call and contact me or a Coordinator if God puts on your heart a way that we can respond to His prayer that we be one!

For more information about the Charismatic Leaders Fellowship see the website: <u>https://www.charismaticleadersfellowship.org/</u>

God bless, David